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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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INFO AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJ: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICES IN LOWER GULF  
(INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION NO. 27)

REF: STATE 105450

1. WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGES, BUT FOR THE PRESENT GREATER DISADVANTAGES, TO ESTABLISH DEFENSE ATTACHE AT ABU DHABI.

2. MAIN POINT ON POSITIVE SIDE IS THAT HAVING DATT HERE WOULD GIVE US SOME MEASURE OF INCREASED ACCESS TO OFFICERS OF THE ADDF, AREA OF CONTACT THAT IS GRADUALLY BECOMING LESS ACCESSIBLE TO US WITH PROGRESSIVE ARABIZATION OF OFFICER CORPS. IN LONG RUN, THIS COULD BE IMPORTANT ASSET TO US BOTH IN TERMS OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AS WELL AS CULTIVATION OF FUTURE LEADERS WHO COULD HAVE IMPORT VOICE IN FUTURE NATIONAL POLICY-MAKING. SHARED PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AS WELL AS PERSONAL FAMILIARITY WITH ARMS ACQUISITION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN US ARE VALUES WHICH EMBASSY DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE AND WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY HELP IN TERMS OF MAKING CONTACTS WITHIN OFFICER CORPS.

3. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT, AND WHEN FMS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, AND WE BEGIN TO HAVE REQUESTS FOR ARMS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES,

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IT WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY HELPFUL TO EMBASSY TO HAVE EXPERTISE

IN THESE MATTERS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, WE  
BELIEVE INITIALLY VOLUME OF SUCH REQUESTS IS LIKELY TO BE SMALL, AND  
THAT  
PRESENT EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM.

4. NEGATIVE FACTORS ARE ONES WHICH AFFECT BOTH SUBSTANCE AND IMAGE  
OF OUR WORK HERE. FIRST POINT IS THAT IF WE WERE TO ES-  
TABLISH DATT IN ABU DHABI (AND ASSUMING FMS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED)  
HIS PRESENCE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY STIMULATE INTEREST IN ARMS ACQUISITION  
FROM US. AS EMBASSY HAS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, WE BELIEVE  
THAT MOST OF FACTORS THAT LED TO PREVIOUS RESTRAINT IN ARMS SALES TO  
UAE HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, AND THAT EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO US ASSUMING ROLE OF ARMS-SUPPLIER TO UAEG PROVIDING THIS IS DONE O  
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CAREFUL AND SELECTIVE BASIS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO POINT IN STIMULATIN  
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SUCH APPETITES IF OUTLOOK FOR USG RESPONSIVENESS TO ARMS REQUESTS  
WE ARE LIKELY TO GET IS, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, PROBLEMATICAL.  
WE HAVE IN MIND IN THIS RESPECT PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES FOR  
REVIEW OF OUR ARMS POLICY TO GULF STATES, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT FROM  
PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, LONG LEAD TIMES WHICH APPEAR MORE AND MORE  
TO GOVERN MOST OF EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE FOR SALE UNDER FMS.

5. SECOND BUT OBVIOUSLY RELATED POINT IS QUESTION OF THE KIND OF IMAG  
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USG WISHES TO PROJECT IN OUR RELATIONS HERE FOR NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.  
AT PRESENT BRITISH EMBASSY IS ONLY MISSION THAT HAS DEFENSE ATTACHE  
ASSIGNED TO IT (HE IS RESIDENT IN DUBAI). EVEN THOUGH FRENCH HAVE  
HEAVY VOLUME OF ARMS SALES HERE, AND PAKISTANIS AS WELL AS CERTAIN  
ARAB STATES HAVE PROMINENT MILITARY ADVISORY ROLE IN ADDE, NONE OF TH  
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SE GOVERNMENTS HAS THUS FAR ASSIGNED MILITARY ATTACHES TO THEIR EMB-  
ASSIES. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ESTABLISHMENT OF USDAO IN ABU DHABI  
WOULD GIVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FLAVOR TO OVERALL US ACTIVITY HERE  
THAN WHAT WE ARE PROJECTING AT PRESENT. QUESTIONS WOULD BE ASKED PRI-  
VATELY BY PEOPLE HERE ABOUT WHAT THIS TEP PORTENDED IN TERMS OF FUTUR  
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ORIENTATION OF US POLICY. ALTHOUGH, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, THE UAEG  
HAS REACTED CALMLY ABOUT ALL THE FUSS THAT WAS KICKED UP BY CANARD  
ABOUT POSSIBLE US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AREA TO SEIZE OIL FIELDS,  
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THERE IS SUFFICIENT UNCERTAINTY IN ATMOSPHERE THESE DAYS ABOUT US MIL  
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ITARY INTENTIONS IN AREA FOR US TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO TAKE  
STEPS THAT UNNECESSARILY ADD FUEL TO THESE SMOULDERING EMBERS. WE DO  
NOT THINK THAT ADVANTAGES OF HAVING DATT HERE ARE OF SUFFICIENT WEPGH  
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AT THIS TIME FOR US TO INCUR ANY LIABILITIES IN THIS RESPECT.

6. FOR TIME BEING THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT OF DAO  
IN ABU DHABI. IF HEMWERE RESIDENT ELSEWHERE, AND ACCREDITED HERE,  
PROBLEMS MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD BE LESSENER, BUT THEY WOULD STILL BE  
THERE AND WE WOULD AT PRESENT RECOMMEND AGAINST EVEN THIS STEP.SINCE  
SITUATION CAN ALWAYS CHANGE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT QUESTION  
OF  
OPENING DAO OFFICE SOMEWHERE IN LOWER GULF BE REVIEWED ON ANNUAL  
BASIS.  
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